

March 2, 1993, let alone Serial No. 779,108 filed October 18, 1991. Accordingly, Desai '002 is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as stated by the Examiner.

Claims 14-30 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over all claims in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,201,886, 5,848,986, 5,531,677, 5,409,453, 5,370,675, 5,435,805, 5,421,819 and 5,385,544. None of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,370,675, 5,435,805, 5,421,819 and 5,385,544 disclose the claimed combination. Accordingly, Claims 14-30 cannot be rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over such patents. The double patenting rejection with respect to the other cited patents will be addressed upon resolution of the prior art rejection discussed above.

Claims 14-28 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,861,002. The double patenting rejection with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,861,002 is improper because none of the inventors of the referenced application are inventors under U.S. Patent No. 5,861,002.

Claims 14-30 have been objected to because of certain informalities. Such rejection will be addressed upon resolution of the prior art rejection discussed above.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed April 20, 2000, with copies of the "other documents", is enclosed herewith. It is assumed that the April 20, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement will now be considered by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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